

**S/N 10/723,431**

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant : Ning Hu et al. Art Unit : 1615  
Serial No. : 10/723,431 Examiner : Gollamudi S. Kishore  
Filed : November 26, 2003 Docket : 01692.007US1  
Title : METHODS OF DRUG LOADING IN LIPOSOMES BY GRADIENT

## **PETITION FOR A THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

In accordance with the provision of 37 CFR § 1.136(a), it is respectfully submitted that a three-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the Office Action mailed March 27, 2007, said period of response being extended from June 27, 2007 to September 27, 2007.

Applicant will pay \$1020.00 for the extension fee at the time of electronic filing. If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account 50-3503.

Respectfully submitted,

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